IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No. 8654 of 2007

For Approval and Signature:

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE AKSHAY H.MEHTA

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1 Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?

2 To be referred to the Reporter or not ?

3 Whether their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgment ?

4 Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the constitution of India, 1950 or any order made thereunder ?

5 Whether it is to be circulated to the civil judge ?

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NEEPA NITINKUMAR PATEL - Petitioner(s)
Versus
THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER - Respondent(s)

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Appearance :
MR BG PATEL for Petitioner(s) : 1,
MS ARCHANA AMIN for Respondent(s) : 1,

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CORAM : HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE AKSHAY H.MEHTA

Date : 10/04/2007

ORAL JUDGMENT

1. **Rule**. Ms. Archana Amin learned Additional Central Govt. Standing Counsel waives service of rule on behalf of the respondent. At the request of the learned

advocates the matter is taken up for final hearing today itself.

2. The petitioner has filed this petition for issuing direction on the passport authority to carry out the correction in the name of the petitioner in her passport. It is stated that in the birth certificate name of the petitioner is shown as Bhavnaben. Her date of birth is 28th June, 1974. However, in the school leaving certificate, her name is shown as Patel Neepa Chandubhai and the same name has been mentioned in the passport. She, therefore, wants it changed to Bhavaben.

2.1. Since in the certificate of birth her name is shown as Bhavnaben, and her father's name is shown as Chandubhai Narrotambhai, she may approach the respondent authority with the certificate and all other relevant documents and upon production of the said documents before the respondent authority, it may carry out the correction in the passport provided all other documents are found to be in order.

3.3. Since this exercise is required to be carried out because of the fault on the petitioner's side, the petitioner is directed to pay costs of Rs.2,500=00.

4. The petition is allowed. Rule is made absolute.

[Akshay H. Mehta, J.]

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